As laid down in the National Forest Policy of 1988, it is expected that the forest-based industry should raise the raw-material needed for meeting its own requirements, preferably by establishing a direct relationship with the individuals who can grow the raw-material through support and inputs like credit, technical help, harvesting etc. The involvement of local people is built into all the afforestation and tree planting programmes. The voluntary agencies and non-government organisations (NGOs) are also being involved in these activities and financial assistance is provided to them through the Grants-in-Aid scheme for undertaking afforestation and wastelands development activities.

पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों में वनाच्छादित क्षेत्र योजना

1758. **श्री सोम पाल:** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों में वनाच्छादित क्षेत्र में कमी आई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वन क्षेत्र को बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किए गए हैं ?

कार्मिक, लोकशिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती मारग्रेट आल्वा) : (क) उपग्रह प्रतिबिम्बिकी की दृश्य व्याख्या के आधार पर भारतीय वन सर्वेक्षण द्वारा 1985–87 तथा 1987–89 की अवधियों के संबंध में वनाच्छादन के बारे में किए गए मूल्यांकन के अनुसार तीन उत्तर पूर्वी राज्यों नामत: असम, अरुणाचल प्रदेश और नागालैण्ड में वास्तविक वनाच्छादन में कमी आई है ।

(ख) वनाच्छादन में वृद्धि करने के लिए सभी राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों में 20 सूत्री कार्यक्रम के तहत वन रोपण, जिसमें सामाजिक एवं कृषि वानिकी सम्मिलित है, का एक व्यापक कार्यक्रम लागू किया जा रहा है । सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान उत्तर–पूर्वी राज्यों में 4.96 लाख हेक्टेयर भूमि पर वनरोपण किया गया, जिसका परिव्यय 210.44 करोड़ रुपये था ।

Pollution Control Norms

1759. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to the answer to UNSTARRED QUESTION 1164 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th December, 1991 and state :

(a) what are the actual/exact names of Fertilizers Units in the country which are not conforming to the prescribed standards due to their non-installation of adequate pollution control devices (State-wise); and

(b) what progress/action taken so far as the "Action Plan" for 1991-92 and 1992-93 for controlling of pollution from fertilizer units in consultation with concerned State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Names of the Fertilizer units which are not conforming to the prescribed standards due to their non-installation of adequate pollution control devices are :

1. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation, Namrup	Assam
2. Assam State Fertiliizer Ltd.	Assam
3. Pragati Fertilizer Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh
4. Coromandal Fertilzer Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh
5. Pyrited and Phosphates Chemicals Ltd.	Bihar
6. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation, Barauni	Bihar
7. Fertilizer Corporaion of India, Sindri	Bihar
8. Fertilizer & Chemicals, Travancore	Kerala

9.	Fertilizer & Chemicals, Travancore	Kerala
10.	Fertilizer Corporation of India, Talcher	Orissa
11.	Steel Authority of India Ltd., Rourkela	Orissa
12.	Punjab Nangal Fertilizer Corporation Ltd., Nayanangal	Punjab
13.	Indag Products	Tamil Nadu
14.	Jayashree Chemicals	West Bengal
15.	Phosphate Company Ltd.,	West Bengal
16.	Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Durgapur	West Bengal

(b) According to the Central Pollution Control Board only 43 fertilizer units had adequate pollution control facilities in 1991-92 but, in 1992-93, 84 units have adequate pollution control facilities. The States have been asked to ensure that the defaulting units conform to the standards within a time frame.

Contaminated Water in Delhi Zoo

1760. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press news item which appeared in the Pioneer dated the 8th February, 1993 under the captioned "The Contaminated perilous water of the Delhi Zoo".

(b) if so, whether due to contaminated water in the Delhi Zoo, the animals and Birds are suffering from various ailments;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide fresh water to the various animals/birds in the zoo; and

(d) whether responsibility has been fixed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Government have seen the press reports.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Filtered water for drinking is being provided separately in every enclosure.

(d) Does not arise.

Temples destroyed in other countries after December 6, 1992

1761. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many temples were destroyed in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and England after December 6, 1992;

(b) if so, the country-wise details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of GOI and the action taken thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information received by Government of India, the number of temples/cultural centres destroyed/damaged is as follows :

1. Pakistan 244
2. Bangladesh 350
3. Afghanistan 4
4. United Kingdom 18

(c) *Pakistan*—The Government of India had condemned destruction of temples in Pakistan. Minister of State for External Affairs issued two statements on December 7, 1992 and December 16, 1992 expressing deep concern over the organised acts of vandalism, arson and looting, being inflicted on the minority communities in Pakistan. The Official Spokesman also made a statement on December 15, 1992 expressing India's concern over communal incidents affecting Indians in Pakistan and Bangladesh.